

# SENATE BILL No. 11

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-44-2-5.

**Synopsis:** Use of false academic credentials. Provides that a person who, after June 30, 2007, uses a document issued by a nonaccredited college or university to obtain employment or other benefits commits using a false academic credential, a Class D felony.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 35-44-2-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2       AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3       1, 2007]: **Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "false academic**  
4       **credential" means a document that:**

5               **(1) indicates completion of a course of study resulting in**  
6               **earning a postsecondary degree or certification; and**

7               **(2) is issued by an entity other than an accredited**  
8               **postsecondary institution.**

9       **(b) As used in this section, "occupation" has the meaning set**  
10       **forth in IC 22-2-2-3.**

11       **(c) A person who knowingly uses a false academic credential to**  
12       **obtain:**

13               **(1) employment;**

14               **(2) a permit, license, or other certification to practice an**  
15               **occupation; or**

16               **(3) a promotion, compensation, or another benefit in the**  
17               **person's occupation;**



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1       **commits using a false academic credential, a Class D felony.**  
2       SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 35-44-2-5, as added  
3       **by this act, applies to offenses committed after June 30, 2007.**

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